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Kindly enter the following Preliminary Amendment and Remarks in this application after grant of a serial number, but prior to examination.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In the Specification:

On page 2, replace the last two paragraphs with the following paragraphs:

Figure 1 is a graph which compares the effect shear has on a model food system employing a preferred starch according to the invention (-•-) with two that are not, namely a granular CWS medium cross linked potato starch (-•-) and a nongranular CWS high cross linked potato starch (-•-).

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